AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace ¶ **[0004]** with the following:

[0004] The airbag apparatus 100 for a front passenger seat shown in Fig. 7 includes a container 101 having a substantially rectangular shape in plan view, an airbag 102 folded and housed within the container 101, an instrument panel 103 covering an opening on the upper surface of the container 101, a plate 104 interposed ~~interposing~~ between the opening of the container 101 and the instrument panel 103 ~~and connecting between the container 101 and the instrument panel 103~~, and a substantially ~~circular columnar~~ cylindrical inflator 105 for generating gas to inflate the airbag 102.

Please replace ¶ **[0013]** with the following:

[0013] This airbag apparatus 1 for a front passenger seat includes a container 2 having a substantially rectangular shape in plan view, an airbag 3 folded and housed within the container 2, a substantially ~~circular columnar~~ cylindrical inflator 4 for inflating the airbag 3, an instrument panel 5 covering an opening on the upper surface of the container 2, and a plate 6 interposing between the container 2 and the instrument panel 5 and connecting between the container 2 and the instrument panel 5.

Please replace ¶ **[0015]** with the following:

[0015] A portion of the plate 6 overlapping with the engagement portion 8 has ~~an insertion hole~~ insertion holes 9 used for inserting ~~a retainer member~~ retainer members 15 into the engagement portion 8. From an edge of the plate 6 opposite to the wall portion 7, a connecting piece 10 extends for connecting the container 2 to the instrument panel 5. The connecting piece 10 is provided with ~~a stud bolt~~ stud bolts 10a.

Please replace ¶¶ **[0018]-[0020]** with the following:

[0018] One side of the container 2 extending in the longitudinal direction is provided with the retainer ~~member~~ members 15 for engaging with the above-mentioned engagement portion 8. ~~The retainer member~~ Each of the retainer members 15 includes a connection section 15a connected to the container 2 along the one side and a hook 15b extending from the top of the connection section 15a toward the outside of the container 2 so as to be inserted into the engagement portion 8 with the end portion bent downward along the wall portion 7.

[0019] The other side of the container 2 opposite to the above-mentioned one side is provided with ~~a fixing member~~ fixing members 16 to be fixed to the connecting piece 10 of the plate 6. ~~The fixing member~~ Each of the fixing members 16 includes a connection section 16a connected to the container 2 along the opposite other side and an extended section 16b extending from the top of the connecting piece 10 toward the outside of the container 2 along the connecting piece 10. The extended ~~section 16b is~~ sections 16b are provided with ~~an insertion hole~~ insertion holes 16c arranged for inserting the ~~stud bolt~~ stud bolts 10a of the connecting piece 10.

[0020] Upon setting the container 2 in the instrument panel 5, at first, the hooks ~~the hook~~ 15b of the ~~locking member 15 is~~ retainer members 15 are inserted into the insertion ~~hole 9~~ holes 9 and the engagement portion 8 so that the locking ~~member 15 is~~ retainer members 15 are brought into engagement with the engagement portion 8 so as to arrange the one side of the container 2 along the wall portion 7. Then, the extended ~~section~~ sections 16b of the fixing ~~member~~ members 16, which are provided in the other side opposite to the one side of the container 2 arranged along the wall ~~portion 7 is~~ portion 7, are overlapped with the connecting piece 10 of the plate 6. As a result, ~~6 so that~~ the stud ~~bolt 10a is~~ bolts 10a are inserted into the insertion ~~hole 16c~~ holes 16c so as to fix the fixing ~~member~~ members 16 to the connecting piece 10 by tightening the ~~nut 10b~~ nuts 10b from the top end of the stud ~~bolt 10a~~ bolts 10a protruding from the insertion ~~hole 16c~~ holes 16c toward the bottom surface of the extended ~~section~~ sections 16b.

Please replace ¶ **[0022]** with the following:

[0022] However, in the conventional airbag apparatus for a front passenger seat and its setting structure described above and shown Figs. 4 to 6, after the stud ~~bolt 10a is~~ bolts 10a are inserted into the insertion ~~hole 16c~~ holes 16c, during screwing ~~the nut~~ the nuts 10b to the ~~stud bolt~~ stud bolts 10a, the instrument panel 5 is liable to escape upward so that there is a slight problem in the tightening operation of ~~the nut~~ the nuts 10b to the ~~stud bolt~~ stud bolts 10a.

Please replace ¶ **[0040]** with the following:

[0040] This airbag apparatus 21 for a front passenger seat includes a container 22 having a substantially rectangular shape in plan view, an airbag 23 folded and housed within the container 22, and a substantially ~~circular columnar~~ cylindrical inflator 24 for inflating the airbag 23. The airbag 23 is connected to the bottom of the container 22 with an airbag-capping plate 23P arranged along the bottom surface of the container 22 therebetween.

Please replace ¶¶ **[0042]-[0048]** with the following:

[0042] This attachment 26, having a substantially π-shaped section, includes a plate section 26A bonded on the bottom surface of the instrument panel 25 and wall sections 26B and 26C ~~standing up~~ depending from the plate section 26A. The attachment 26 is made of a synthetic resin in the same way as in the instrument panel 25. The attachment 26 is provided with a ~~slit 26s~~ slit 26S formed at a position overlapping with the tearing line 25a. When the instrument panel 25 is cleaved along the tearing line 25a, the attachment 26 is deflected integrally with the instrument panel 25.

[0043] The wall section 26B is located adjacent to a windshield and is constituted of a plate ~~uprising~~ depending substantially perpendicularly to the instrument panel 25. The wall section 26B is also provided with an opening 27 ~~to be inserted by~~ that is configured to receive a hook 41 of a retainer 40, which will be described later.

[0044] The wall section 26C is located at a position opposite to the wall section 26B with the container 22 therebetween (adjacent to an occupant). The wall section 26C includes ~~an uprising wall 26a uprising~~ a wall 26a depending from the plate section 26A substantially perpendicularly thereto and a leg piece 26b extended from the lower end of the ~~uprising~~ depending wall 26a in a direction separating from the container 22. The ~~uprising~~ depending wall 26a is provided with ~~an insertion opening~~ insertion openings 28 for ~~an upper piece~~ upper pieces 31 of a clamp ~~cramp~~ 30, which will be described as follows. The insertion ~~opening 28 is opened~~ openings 28 are open in a direction along the upper surface of the upper ~~piece~~ pieces 31. The leg piece 26b is provided with an insertion ~~hole 29 for a bolt~~ holes 29 for bolts 36, which will be described later.

[0045] The clamp ~~cramp~~ 30 is joined to an edge of an opening of the container 22 arranged adjacent to an occupant by welding or the like. The clamp ~~cramp~~ 30 includes the upper ~~piece~~ pieces 31 and a lower piece 32, which are extended toward the occupant in substantially parallel with each other. ~~A plurality of the~~ The upper pieces 31, each being a narrow band, are arranged above the lower piece 32 in the width direction of a vehicle body at intervals. A gap between each of the upper ~~piece~~ pieces 31 and the lower piece 32 is equal.

[0046] Each upper piece 31 and the lower piece 32 are provided with insertion holes 33 and 34 for the bolt 36, respectively. ~~To the~~ To each upper piece 31, a nut 35 is joined by welding or the like coaxially with the hole 33. In addition, the nuts ~~the nut~~ 35 may be omitted so as to tap ~~the hole~~ each hole 33 instead.

[0047] The retainer 40, arranged adjacent to a windshield, is joined to the container 22 by welding or the like at the lower portion. An L-shaped claw hook 41 protrudes ~~is protruded~~ from the top of the retainer 40 toward the windshield. The hook 41 and the upper and lower pieces 31 and 32 extend in directions separating from each other.

[0048] A stud bolt 51 is joined to a bracket 50 fixed on the external bottom surface of the container 22. With the ~~these~~ bracket 50 and the stud bolt 51, the container 22 is fixed to a strength-burdening member of a vehicle body (not shown) therebetween.

Please replace ¶ **[0051]** with the following:

[0051] After the airbag apparatus 21 for a front passenger seat is fed in below the instrument panel 25, first, the upper ~~piece 31 is~~ pieces 31 are inserted into the ~~opening~~ openings 28 by clamping the leg piece 26b with the upper ~~piece~~ pieces 31 and the lower piece 32 therebetween. Then, the container 22 is pushed up toward a windshield and the retainer 40 is pushed up along the internal surface of the wall section 26B. The wall section 26B is elastically deflected toward the windshield.

Please replace ¶ **[0053]** with the following:

[0053] Next, the bracket 50 is fixed to a vehicle body member with the stud bolt 51 therebetween. Simultaneously, the bolts 36 are screwed into the nuts 35 with the openings 34, 29, and 33 therebetween, so that the instrument panel 25 and the container 22 (the ~~cramp~~ clamp 30) are connected together. Numeral 61 in Fig. 1 schematically denotes a tool for rotating ~~the bolt~~ the bolts 36. Thereafter, the glove box 60 is attached.

Please replace ¶¶ **[0055]-[0057]** with the following:

[0055] In the airbag apparatus 21 for a front passenger seat structured in such a manner, upon fixing the instrument panel 25 to the container 22 with the bolts 36, since the leg piece 26b is inserted between the upper ~~piece~~ pieces 31 and the lower piece 32, the inserting operation of the bolts 36 into the openings 34, 29, and 33 is significantly easy. Also, the leg piece ~~26 b is~~ 26b is clamped with the upper ~~piece~~ pieces 31 and the lower piece 32, thereby sufficiently increasing a strength connecting between the instrument panel 25 and the container 22.

[0056] In order to remove the container 22 from the instrument panel 25, the glove box 60 is removed; then, the hook 41 is firstly withdrawn from the opening 27 after the bolts 36 are removed by contrast to Fig. 2; and next, the upper ~~piece~~ pieces 31 and the lower piece 32 are withdrawn from the leg piece 26b. Therefore, in a state that the

instrument panel is mounted on a vehicle body as it is, the insertion and withdrawal of the container 22 can be easily performed.

[0057] In addition, if the openings ~~opening~~ 29 of the leg piece ~~26b is~~ 26b are elongated or increased in diameter so as to be ~~a loose hole~~ loose holes, the instrument panel 25 can be positioned relative to the container 22.